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Public Comment Sought on Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Milltown State Park Access Acquisition and Improvements

(Helena, MT) –Montana State Parks (MSP) (stateparks.mt.gov) announced today that public comment is being sought on a draft environmental assessment (EA) for a proposal to accept the donation (fee-title acquisition) of an approximately 10-acre parcel of property from International Paper Company (IP), located immediately adjacent to Milltown State Park near the confluence of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork Rivers. Following acquisition of the property, MSP would improve the access roadway to provide safe passage for the public entering and exiting the park. **Public Comment accepted through Wednesday, November 25 at 5pm.**

Acquisition of the parcel would secure permanent public access to the park via the existing access road and enable MSP to move forward in the development and opening of the park to the public. Acquisition would also preserve and enhance the cultural and historic character of the larger area by ensuring that future improvements to the site would be compatible with Milltown State Park and associated cultural attributes and recreational opportunities.

A copy of the EA may be requested by mailing Montana State Parks, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804; phoning 406-542-5533; or emailing mkustudia@mt.gov. The EA can also be viewed online at http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmental-assessments/pn_0050.html.

The public is invited to comment on the draft EA. The public comment period will be open for 21 days. **Comments are accepted through Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 5pm.**

To comment **online** visit stateparks.mt.gov and click on “submit comments” or by direct link here: http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmental-assessments/pn_0050.html.

Send comments by **email** to: MilltownEA@mt.gov or by **mail** to: Montana State Parks, Attn: Milltown EA, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

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